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Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A.
Chapman, V.D.

JOINED.

Spr. D. J. Finlayson having joined is
allotted Corps No. 2029 and posted to
Engineer Company.

RESIGNED.

Pte. J. Dewar is permitted to resign
from 17.10.16.
Pte. G. A. Dutton is permitted to
resign from 16.10.16.

LEAVE.

Spr. W. G. Lawson and Pte. T. W.
Gibbins are granted one month's leave
from 16.10.16.
Gr. G. F. Turner and Gr. L. B. Gomes
are granted one week's leave from
17.10.16.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

Detail of Engineer Company duties at
Lyceum from 18th to 31st inst. has
been posted at Headquarters.
The "under-mentioned" members are
raised to the "Proficient" rate of
Engineer Pay from 1st November, 1916:
Sprs. Abing, Moodeen, Deyant, Max-
well, Gordon and Kinross.

PROMOTIONS.

Engineer Company, with effect from
1.11.16:

To be Sergeants, Corps. Barrington
and Whitelaw. To be Corporals, 2nd
Corps. Day and Davidson. To be 2nd
Corporals, Lee, Corps. Kerr, O'Sullivan,
Clarke, Norris, Fitzgibbon and Brewer.
To be Lance-Corporals, Sprs. Howells,
Stalker, Hamer and Warren.

Scouts Company, with effect from 18th
inst.:

To be Corporals, Lance-Corps. Edge-
cumbe, Northey, Wilken, Greenhill and
Whyte. To be Lance-Corporal, Pte. J.
McDonald.

PUNISHMENT.

Pte. P. Tangap of Signalling Section
has been awarded 72 hours' detention on
the following three charges:—(1) Absent
from parade; (2) Absent from parade;
(3) Breach of discipline, sending the
Signal C.I. without authority.

PARADES.

Monday, 23rd inst.—5.40 p.m. Artil-
lery Battery, Left, Centre, Right, Sec-
tions M.G. Co., Scouts Coy., and Civil
Service Coy., at Headquarters for route
march. Dress: Drill order Khaki (no
Tunic). Rifles will not be carried. 5.15
p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquar-
ters under Corp. Grimes.

Tuesday, 24th inst.—5.15 p.m. Stretcher
Bearer Section at Headquarters.
5.30 p.m. Signalling Section, "A" and
"B" Classes at R.A. Theatre. Mounted
Section on Polo Ground.

Friday, 27th inst.—5.15 p.m. Recruits
of all units at Headquarters. C.S.M.
Witchell and Corp. Grimes will attend.
5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and
"B" Classes at R.A. Theatre.

Saturday, 28th inst.—2.30 p.m.
Trained Men Artillery Battery, Musketry
Standard Test on King's Park Range.
Range Officer, Lieut. Danby. Officer i/c
Butts, Captain Preston.

Sunday, 29th inst.—9.00 a.m. Trained
Men, Right Section M.G. Co., Musketry
Test on King's Park Range. Range
Officer, Lieut. Kennell; Officer i/c Butts,
Captain Preston.

DETAIL.

On duty 29th, 30th and 31st inst.:
Scouts Company.
On duty 1st November: Centre Section
M.G. Co.
On duty 2nd November: Artillery
Battery.
On duty 3rd November: Civil Service
Company.
On duty 4th November: Right Section
M.G. Co.
Orderly Officer from 20th to 4th Nov.,
Lieut. Murphy.

NOTICE.

With reference to the Hockey Meeting
held at Headquarters on 18th inst., and
further meeting, at which all members
of the Corps interested in Hockey are
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vessel or the hour of the train by which
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1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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8.50 p.m. and 9 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 11.00
p.m. every half hour.
11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of
an hour.

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8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.00 Noon Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
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—Life & Annuity Funds: £1,567,530
Sinking Fund Account: 123,230

£23,976,367

Revenue Fire Branch: £2,381,456
Life and Annuity: £1,141,693
Branches: £37,239
Revenue Marine Department: 478,940
Other Receipts: 45,339,228

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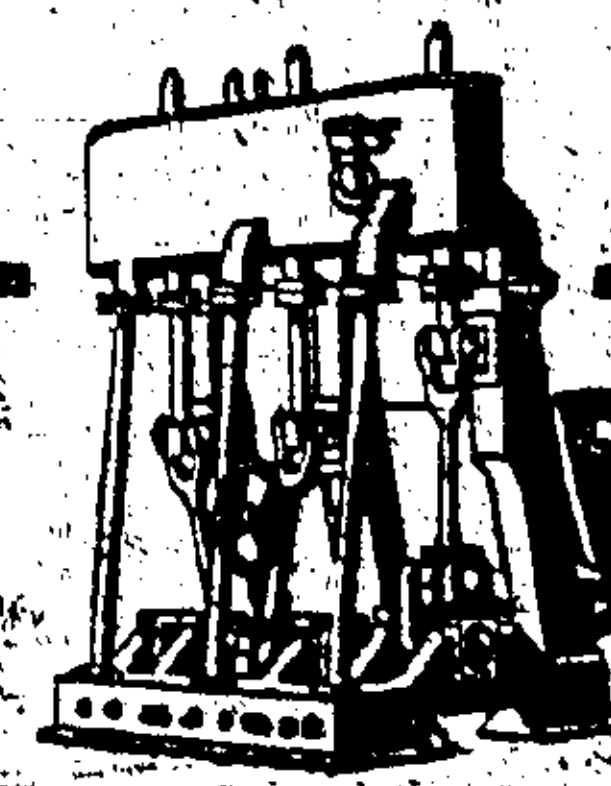
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 14th October to WEDNESDAY, 1st November, 1916, both days inclusive.

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(4) No person may hold more than 500 £1 Certificates or their equivalent.

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JAPAN'S TRADE.

DEVELOPMENTS CAUSED BY THE WAR.

In the course of a recent communication the Kobe correspondent of the *Chamber of Commerce Journal* writes:—

Japan has now reached the stage where she would like the war to go on for ever. There are inconveniences, but the fact remains that she is making money and plenty of it. Of course, perfection is still unattained; some raw materials and other things necessary for meeting Europe's demands are difficult to get, but this only sends the price up. One hears of long forward contracts for American iron as indicating a foresight on the part of large consumers which is not affected by the temporary slump in local markets. The unlimited supplies on which Japan has lately laid her hands in China are slow to develop. The Japanese export trade to India has been attracting a good deal of attention of late. The Japanese have come in for a good deal of the large "bazaar" trade formerly done by Germany. There are Japanese houses which are just as straight as any in Europe, but these are not greatly interested in the cut prices of the Indian bazaar. They have been doing some good business with Australia, where people are ready to pay a good price for a superior article, but will not pay before they have got the goods, and consequently they have both money and reputation to lose. Consequently there have been comparatively few complaints either of bad quality or dishonesty from Australia.

SHIPPING.

As regards shipping, there has been a considerable improvement of late months in the number of British ships finding their way to the Far East. Of industrial activities in Japan the most notable is the continued doubling of the capital of some of the principal cotton-spinning concerns. These are, of course, encouraged by high profits, gained owing to the war, but they are looking a long way ahead in extending their business, for the machinery required cannot be got in less than about three years—by which time it is to be presumed the war will be long over. The Japanese Factory Act has been once more buried. It is promised its long-deferred operation in September, but it is fairly certain that it will prevent the overworking of women and children only if it is felt sure that the war will not handicap Japanese industry in competition with that of other countries. There has been a large increase in the output of chemical products notably of caustic soda and chlorate of potash, during recent months. Whether these have come to stay as industries has yet to be proved.

PROTECTIVE DUTIES.

There will certainly be a demand for high protective duties when European supplies are available again, but the manufacturers who use these products will also have a say in the matter, and their high price, hindered by the war, exports some of those knots which the protective system in the best of circumstances will sometimes develop will have to be carefully untied. Besides the cotton trade, wool has been booming. I have some doubts as to whether this will last. The new work under seal has been almost entirely for Russian military clothing, and has not been of a quality which gives any warrant for expecting that Japan will find herself in a position at the end of the war to shine as a great manufacturer of woollens. Still, an attempt will be made to keep at work the machinery that has been set up, and also to keep trade flowing along some at least of the new channels that it has made for itself. Much the same might be said of the enormously increased leather and boot-making trade. Again, the training has not been good for an entry into the world's peace markets. Both trades have caused the Japanese to turn their eyes to Mongolia and other parts of China in search of supplies of wool and leather.

SPECULATIONS.

One of the besetting sins of the Japanese is a tendency to speculation. During the past month or two the prices of some commodities which are no more easily obtainable now than they have been since war began have been down to the level of the market.

Of the war, the Japanese have been entirely free from frantic plunging, and Japanese business men show very little originality. They follow each other like a flock of sheep in buying and selling, and the war has only apparently done what it has done in other countries, namely, to make them more cautious.

In this sort of thing they waste a tremendous lot of money, yet comparatively few will lay out any considerable sum in building up a reputation for honesty and reliability. This more than anything else keeps Japan commercially behind other nations. There is a great deal of money in the country now, however, and though much of it will be used in the endeavour to supplant Europe in Asiatic markets, its existence will tend to raise prices (including prices of production) in Japan, while its possession will make the Japanese good buyers of foreign goods so long as it lasts.

CHINESE PRAYERS FOR CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

The French missionary journal *Petit Messager de l'Extrême Orient* gives the translation into French by a native Christian of a big poster placarded outside the famous Kungtung Pagoda, or "Pagoda of the Seven Towers," which has lately been swept and garnished with benches ranged for the Buddhist monks to chant their prayers. The poster runs as follows:—

The European War lasts long; many soldiers have been slain, with no hope of seeing the cessation of those feelings of hostility which are setting the nations against each other. Therefore we citizens of the Chinese Republic, worshippers of Buddha, desire to assemble together to pray, uniting our forces in a bond of affection. We shall pray seven consecutive days without ceasing, and shall recite the prayers of the Lotus, luminous as the brow of Buddha himself. We shall begin on the 4th day of the first moon, so as to finish on the 10th day. May Buddha in his goodness cause this device which sends so many men to their death to cease! Our monastery will thus labour for the prosperity of our own country.

We hope that on the day fixed all the bonzes of the monastery will come to the altar to recite the Three Holy Ones, and that they will pray with fervor and diligence. We trust to obtain by these prayers cessation of the noise of arms and of battle. As to those who have succumbed to their wounds on the battlefield, we hope to obtain for them a happy life, by a happy transmigration in a purified and sanctified earth.

This extraordinary proclamation (remarks a correspondent who draws the attention of the *Manchester Guardian* to it) throws a curious light on the effect which is being produced by the Great War on the minds of people in the Far East, and certainly gives Westerners a topic for reflection.

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IN A HOSPITAL WARD.
CALM COURAGE OF THE NIGHT NURSES.
THE CHIEF FROM OUTSIDE.

A Press representative writes in a home paper: "It was my fortune, as a patient in a certain hospital situated within the bombardment zone, to form my impressions of the latest air raid from a rather novel but deeply interesting angle. Of the spectacular features of the raid I saw nothing, but of the splendid behaviour of English men and women confronting real imminent peril I had what seemed like a waking vision which will long remain vividly with me. When the telephone bell in the ward lobby rang somewhere on the wrong side of midnight I was quite certain of the message the night nurses were about to receive. The sister was away for the week-end, and I was more curious than I ought to have been to see how the nurse would respond to this sudden and rather formidable call on her nerves. She took the message without comment, and, walking briskly back into the ward, closed a couple of open windows. There was exchange of whispers with another nurse, and I caught the words, 'Zeppelin quite close, as one might say.' It had started to rain again. And then the night nurse adjusting the red shade on the light after table, went on with her writing. Yet I happen to know she is rather sharp of hearing, and I am confident she had heard what I had—a heavy, hollow sound, such as one, say, produced by brushing one's arm against the head of a big bass drum—a persistent, curio, whining note.

WRITING AND CROCHET.
The night nurse passed from writing to crochet, and from crochet to supper, while all the ward, saving myself, snored; most of it snored. An old man in the seventies, deaf enough to miss the crack of doom, woke wearily, complained of his ill to the night, and subsided into slumber of the most order again. Somehow this seemed to put an end to the strain. The night nurse expressed the belief that 'they' had gone. Then 'they' came; how many of them I do not know, but at least two, and each had its weapons. In an instant they were changed to tumult, indecipherable. Every kind of gun seemed to be firing, and at intervals came the distinctive dull explosions of bombs. The night nurse, at the sound of the first gun, had switched off all the lights save one feeble glimmer of bedside lamp, which she kept as cool as ever. The ward came quickly to wakefulness, and the false dawn of the searchlights and the flashes of the bursting shells showed a dozen patients beginning to 'sit up and take stock.' A sister's voice, as I said, speaking words of reassurance with apparently absolute calm and confidence that there was indeed 'no cause for alarm.' Every occupant of the ward was a surgical case, and might have been expected to display nerves, yet from the deaf old patient, who through every thing, to the little lad of ten summers in the other bed, no one displayed any emotion except that of interest. The bombardment was analysed as well as could be by men who had nothing but hearing to guide them, and one bed argued with another as to whose bomb success was best. This in spite of the fact that once at any rate, the shattering of glass was audible even behind those closed windows.

OVER THEIR HEADS.
We knew, in fact, that one of the Zeppelins passed directly over our heads. Meanwhile, long files of nurses, aroused from their sleep, passed through to their various ward routines for emergency. The firing began to pass away towards the north-east, and presently stopped altogether to our ears.
One final bright flash of light made itself felt through the thick window blinds, and then suddenly from the street came a short, many shots, and the clapping of hands a yell that broadened into a great, deep-chested roar of cheering; a railway engine joined in the chorus; steamers on the river added their tumult to the rest, and for the first time the ward grew excited. The dawn came, slowly, and with it the good news was confirmed, first by the nurses who had seen the Zeppelin falling up-ended in flames, and then by the papers, with the first two brief-communications. As I write these concluding words the sound of the Doroxylog comes from the next ward; it is the opening of the Sabbath morning service.

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CHINATOWN IN LONDON.
POINTS FOR AND AGAINST THE YELLOW INVADER.

The following is from "The Globe" of the 11th ult.—
Assertions at the Trade Union Congress have revived the discussions of two problems; that of Chinese labour in our mercantile marine, and the extent to which the Chinese element in our great cities is socially undesirable.
Organised maritime labour is certainly dead against the Chinese seaman. "We don't think it fair that our ships should be flooded by cheap Chinese labour when British seamen are out of a job," said Mr. E. Cathery, general secretary of the National Sailors and Firemen's Union to a "Globe" representative this afternoon.
"Cheap Chinese labour," he continued, "was abolished in South Africa as detrimental to the community. It is useless to abolish it overseas when ship-owners can bring the cheap Chinaman to our doors."
We believe the British seaman will be more thought of in the future, because his great services to the community are now being realised. All our imports and exports and the greater part of our food supplies are dependent on the seamen of our mercantile marine, and we strongly object to the accumulation of cheap Chinese labour brought in yearly by ship-owners.

CHEAP TO FEED.
"It is not only a question of wages," added Mr. Cathery. "The Chinaman costs less than half as much to feed, and although all seamen are entitled to the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Acts, most Chinamen are unaware of the fact, which means a large sum of money in the shipowner's pocket."
Asked whether there were not a shortage of British seamen due to high wages on land, and whether Chinese labour was not employed because the Englishman is disinclined to sign on for long voyages, Mr. Cathery gave an emphatic denial.
"There are plenty of British seamen," he affirmed, "without falling back on Chinamen, and anyone who alleges a shortage is telling an untruth. Our men are also willing to sign on for as long a period as they like, whether it is one, two, or three years."

That is one aspect of the Chinese puzzle. Opinions as to the desirability of Ah Sin as a citizen paint him in less sombre hues. In the heart of London's China Town the police are certainly inclined to give him a clean moral bill of health.
Taken on the whole," said a police official, "the Chinese give us very little trouble. They are a law-abiding lot, and although they may get out their knives when an Englishman would use his fists, that happens very rarely."
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The official narrated the following story as showing the Chinaman's attitude to opium. "A Chinaman once said to me, 'You feel bad. Drink whisky. Feel better. Drink heapee whisky, feel welly ill. I feel bad, smoke one-piece pipe. Feel better. Smoke heapee pipe, feel dam ill.'"
In other words, it is the abuse that counts, and evidence no more supports the view that the average inhabitant of Chinatown "like the pipe" to excess than that the average Londoner is a confirmed inebriate.

THE SOCIAL QUESTION.
The interviewer asked a rather delicate question.
"Well," said the official, "there's no question that white girls, especially the younger ones, do run after the Chinamen to some extent. The temptation is one-sided, and the Chinaman himself, so far as my experience goes, is not to be blamed in the matter. When a Chinaman marries a white woman, he certainly spends his money lavishly on her."
"If you've come down here to look for sensations," he said in conclusion, "you'll have to go back without it."
Shipowners, as the "Globe" has before pointed out, do not admit that the Chinese seamen are employed because they are cheaper. Their view is simply that he is most dependable than many of the men of this country who go to sea, not because they are good sailors, or wish to be sailors, but as a last resort.

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